

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1       1. (Currently Amended) A tip for oculistic surgery, particularly for the removal of a  
2       cataract, said tip having a proximal joint end and a distal end, which contacts [the] crystalline  
3       during a surgical intervention, wherein the distal end which contacts a corneal or sclera tissue  
4       is coated with an anti-friction treatment, based on carbon and tungsten carbide.

1       2. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein said treatment is  
2       carried out by a PVD (Physical Vapour Deposition) technique.

1       3. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein a thin layer of  
2       chromium ( $\text{Cr}_i$ ) is applied during the treatment, to improve adhesion of the subsequent  
3       depositions.

1       4. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein said proximal joint  
2       end is subjected to polishing.

1       5. (Previously Amended) The tip according to claim 1, wherein said end is shaped  
2       with different angles and geometry.

1       6. (Previously Cancelled)